

Artist Quotes

"Art doesn't have to be pretty. It has to be meaningful." ~Duane Hanson

"When it is working, you completely go into another place, you're tapping into things that are totally universal, completely beyond your ego and your own self. That's what it's all about." ~Keith Haring

"Art will remain the most astonishing activity of mankind born out of struggle between wisdom and madness, between dream and reality in our mind." ~Magdalena Abakanowicz

"As music is the poetry of sound, so is painting the poetry of sight." ~James McNeil Whistler

"What is real is not the external form, but the essence of things... it is impossible for anyone to express anything essentially real by imitating its exterior surface." Brancusi

"If I didn't think what I was doing had something to do with enlarging the boundaries of art, I wouldn't go on doing it." Claes Oldenburg

"No amount of skillful invention can replace the essential element of imagination." Edward Hopper

"The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery." Francis Bacon

"The function of Art is to disturb. Science reassures." George Braque

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way-things I had no words for." Georgia O'Keeffe

"Art should reveal the unknown, to those who lack the experience of seeing it." Jaune Quick-to-See-Smith

"The best reason to paint is that there is no reason to paint... I'd like to pretend that I've never seen anything, never read anything, never heard anything... and then make something... Every time I make something I think about the people who are going to see it and every time I see something, I think about the person who made it... Nothing is important... so everything is important." Keith Haring

"Art does not reproduce the visible; rather, it makes visible." Paul Klee

"Art is a lie that helps us to realize the truth." Pablo Picasso

"There is no must in art because art is free." Wassily Kandinsky

"The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel." Piet Mondrian

"Art is everywhere, except it has to pass through a creative mind." Louise Nevelson

"Every good painter paints what he is." Jackson Pollock